

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Wayne Township Fire and Rescue Department was organized in 1954 to provide fire protection service to the surrounding community; and,

Whereas, At its founding, the department covered 36 square miles and consisted of 3 trucks and 33 volunteer firefighters; and,

Whereas, In 2004, the department consisted of 4 trucks and 19 volunteer firefighters, 7 of them being EMTs with 398 years of volunteer fire, rescue and EMS service experience among them; and,

Whereas, Over the life of this volunteer department, more than 75,000 hours of community service was given to our neighbors in times of urgent need and, last year alone, the volunteer firefighters and EMTs provided more than 1,500 hours of community service to Wayne Township residents; and,

Whereas, The department has one honorary firefighter who attends meetings and was on the original department team when it was organized; and,

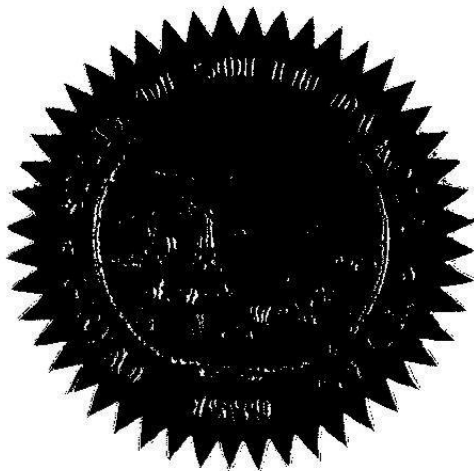
Whereas, The Wayne Township Fire and Rescue Department dissolved on July 13, 2004, after 50 years of service and will celebrate and recognize the current and former members of this department who responded at all hours of the day and night, in all types of weather:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 1, 2004, as

WAYNE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State